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BY-LAWS

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ARTICLE I.

This Society shall be styled CALIFORNIA HISTORICAL SOCIETY. Its object shall be to collect, preserve and diffuse information relating to the history of California.

ARTICLE II.

This Society shall consist of patron, active, corresponding and honorary members.

1. Patron members shall consist of active members who shall pay at least One Hundred Dollars per annum as dues.

2. Active members shall consist of persons who shall have been elected to membership, and shall have paid their dues as hereinafter provided.

3. Corresponding members shall consist of persons not residing in California, who shall have been elected as such.

4. Honorary members shall consist of persons specially distinguished for their attainments in History, and who shall have been elected to honorary membership.

None but active members shall have a vote or have any interest in the property of the Society.

Upon the death, resignation or expulsion of a patron or active member, neither he nor his estate shall have any interest in the property of the Society.

ARTICLE III.

At each annual election there shall be elected a board of eleven directors, who shall serve for one year and until their successors are elected. Vacancies in the Board of Directors may be filled by the remaining directors as provided by law.

The directors shall choose the following officers, viz., a President, three Vice-Presidents, a Secretary and a Treasurer. The offices of Secretary and Treasurer may be combined in one person. The directors may in the exercise of their discretion create the offices of Recording Secretary and Corresponding

Secretary, in which case the Recording Secretary shall keep the records required by secretaries under the laws of California, and the Corresponding Secretary shall perform such duties as the directors may from time to time prescribe. The directors may also appoint a Librarian and such other assistants and employees as may be required, and fix their compensation. The Librarian shall perform such duties as the directors may from time to time impose.

Three active members not holding office shall be chosen by the Board of Directors at least thirty days prior to the annual meeting of the Society for the election of officers, and the persons so chosen shall constitute the Nominating Committee, which shall in writing report and nominate eleven members eligible for election as directors at least fifteen days before said election. The directors shall prepare ballots containing such names, which shall be sent by the Secretary to each of the members at least five days before the election, as prescribed by Article XIV.

ARTICLE IV.

The President, or, in his absence, one of the three Vice-Presidents, or, in the absence of the President and the Vice-Presidents, any member whom the Society may appoint, shall preside at the meetings of the Society. It shall be the duty of the President, or presiding officer, to preserve order, and to regulate the proceedings of the meetings.

ARTICLE V.

The Secretary shall perform the duties of a secretary as prescribed by the laws of California.

ARTICLE VI.

The Treasurer shall receive and deposit in such bank as may be designated by the directors, to the credit of the Society, all donations and bequests of money and all other sums belonging to the Society. He shall keep an account of all money received and paid by him, and at the annual meeting render a particular statement of the same to the Society.

ARTICLE VII.

Candidates for membership may be proposed and voted for at any meeting of the directors. The vote shall be by ballot, and a majority of the directors present shall be required for election. Persons so elected must qualify within thirty days from date of notification by payment of the prescribed dues.

ARTICLE VIII.

Each active member shall pay annual dues of Ten Dollars, due on the second Monday of January of each year, in advance. Each active member shall on his election pay into the treasury the sum of Ten Dollars, which shall be in lieu of the annual dues for the year of his election. Any failure on the part of a member to pay his dues within six months after the same shall have become payable may be considered by the Board of Directors as a resignation.

The directors shall have authority to invite membership, and upon the acceptance of such an invitation the person so accepting shall be deemed a member upon the payment of the dues herein provided.

ARTICLE IX.

The annual meeting of the Society shall be held on the fourth Friday of January in each year, at such place in San Francisco and time as the President shall designate, and at least three weeks' notice shall be given of such meeting. A special meeting may be called by the President, or, in his absence or disability, by one of the Vice-Presidents, or in the absence or disability of the President and the Vice-Presidents, by the Secretary on the written request of five active members; the object of such meeting shall be stated in the notice by which it is called; special meetings shall require five days' notice. The annual election shall be held at the annual meeting.

ARTICLE X.

Five directors shall constitute a quorum for the transaction of business, and twelve members shall constitute a quorum at any meeting of the Society.

ARTICLE XI.

No papers or manuscripts shall be published by the Society without the consent of the directors. Any motion to print an address or other paper read before the Society shall be referred to the Committee on Publication, which shall report to the directors. The Committee on Publication may make suggestions to the directors from time to time, with reference to the publication of such papers as in their judgment should be published; this committee shall have the care, direction and supervision of all publication. Members of the Society shall receive the publications of the Society free of charge.

ARTICLE XII.

It shall be the duty of the directors in case any member shall endanger the harmony, welfare, or good order of the Society, to call a special meeting of the Society; and if at such meeting, after an examination of the charges and hearing the accused, who shall have personal notice of such proceedings, it shall be proposed that the offending member shall be fined, suspended or expelled, a vote by ballot shall be taken, and if two-thirds of the members present shall vote in favor thereof, the offending member shall be fined, suspended or expelled as the case may be.

ARTICLE XIII.

Meetings of the Board of Directors shall be held upon the call of the President, or, in the absence or disability of the President, by one of the Vice-Presidents, or in the absence or disability of the President and the Vice-Presidents, by the Secretary upon the written request of any three directors. Notice of the time and place of such meeting shall be given by the Secretary, at least forty-eight hours before the holding of such meeting.

ARTICLE XIV.

The notices called for in Article IX and Article XII, or any other notice to the active members, shall be given by the Secretary by mailing the same in the United States mail, postage prepaid, in a sealed envelope addressed to each active member at the last known place of residence or business of such member.

The notices called for in Article XIII and Article XVI and any other notice to the directors shall be given by the Secretary by mailing the same in the United States mail, postage prepaid, in a sealed envelope addressed to each director at the last known place of residence or business of such director.

ARTICLE XV.

At the annual meeting to be held for the election of officers the following shall be the order of business:

1. Reading of the minutes of the last meeting.
2. Election of officers.
3. Reports and communications from the officers of the Society.
4. Reports of the directors and of committees.
5. Miscellaneous business.

ARTICLE XVI.

The By-Laws may be amended by the directors at any meeting of the Board of Directors provided that the object of such meeting shall be stated in the notice by which it is called and provided further that such amendment is assented to by at least six of the directors.